

REMARKS

In accordance with this Restriction Requirement, Applicant elect the claims of Group II. The claims of Group II are Claims 1-34. Claims of the elected group have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim what Applicant believes is his invention. In particular, Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 11, 14-16, 18-21, 25, 31, and 34 have been amended. Claims 4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 23, 24, 26, 27, 32 and 33 have been canceled. New claim 45 is dependent upon pending claim 34 and falls within the elected Group II.

Claims 35-44 which are withdrawn from further consideration as being directed to the non-elected invention are not being cancelled. These claims are being retained of record pending the filing of any divisional applications directed thereto.

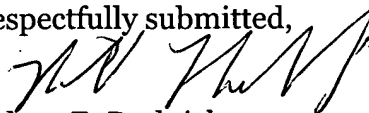
Since Applicants have complied with all of the requirements in the aforementioned Office Action, a prompt examination with respect to the pending Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 14-22, 25, 28-31, 34, and 45 is respectfully requested.

Correspondence and Fees

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 03-3839 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

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